

Tadpole Tales



The Tadpoles love art & craft time, with painting and playdough being particularly popular.

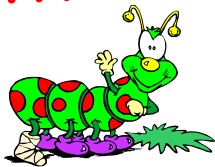
Singing and dancing is also a big favourite, especially when we play instruments as well.

We have all been learning to make new friends through a variety of social games.

The new trucks in the sandpit have been a hit, with lots of digging, dumping and driving.

The Monday and Friday Tadpoles have been spending the day with the Caterpillars. We know sign language! - Ask your child, you may be surprised by all the words they know.

From: *Jenny, Allison & Jacqui.*



Caterpillar Capers

The Caterpillars have been learning how to say 'Good Morning' in German as part of our Good Morning song. Can you help us with some other languages? We have learned a number of words in Auslan, your child can probably teach you we know them so well. If you know of any words you would like your child to learn, let us know. We have an Auslan dictionary to look it up.

Make sure you have a look in our Day Book when you pick up your child so you can talk with them about what they have been doing during the day. Feel free to write in the comments section on each page. If you can contribute an idea or skill to the programme, we would like you to share it with us.

Learning to be responsible for your own belongings is an important skill. There are some little things you can do to help. Hang your child's hat on the hook in their locker when you arrive in the morning. Put their water bottle in a side pocket or next to their bag. This means that things are easier for your child to find and look after.

Michelle & Georgina

Butterfly Flutterings



It is wonderful to see how happily the children settle into new rooms with new staff.

Quite a few of our routines are the same as in the Caterpillar Room. We have extra, and longer, group times including stories and games promoting school readiness. The Butterflies are learning to read and write their names and are having lots of practice with scissors.

Our room has had a furniture 'move-around' to accommodate the children's love of role play and to provide more room for floor play. The Role Play area is a hospital at the moment and the children are loving wrapping bandages, giving injections, (all the 4yr immunizations?!) listening to heartbeats and putting sick children to bed.

If you have any suggestions for our programme or any comments please see staff or write in our Day Book.

Mandy, Lauren, Danielle and Kari.

Memory Joggers & Safety Items



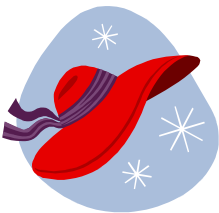
Please ensure that you send a drink bottle each day, clearly labeled with your child's name. These stay in their lockers for the children to access whenever they are thirsty, as well as at lunch time. We will make sure they are refilled when empty. Please remember to take them home daily to wash and refill them ready for the next day.



There is no doubt that WATER is the best choice for children's drink bottles. As well as being the healthiest option, it is also the best thirst-quencher. Fruit juices tend to have a very high sugar content and whether natural or processed, sugars can be very destructive to teeth. Most drink bottles have a short drinking spout which means the juice is concentrated around their teeth, making the problem even worse.



We have found that using a set of cot sheets on the mattress at rest time works much better than a large single sheet. Also, as the weather is now turning cooler, please make sure you send a light blanket to help keep your child warm and cosy.



Please remember that A Country Cottage adheres to Cancer Council Guidelines for Sunsafe practices. Hats are worn all year round and must have either a wide brim or a 'legionnaires' style flap at the back to protect ears and neck. Caps or visors do not offer sufficient protection. Thank you for ensuring your child has an appropriate hat for outdoor play.

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Before and After School Care

For those parents with school age children we have a Before and After School Care at Leonay Public School and Another service at Emu Plains Public School which also cares for children from Our Lady Of the Way.

For the School Holidays we have a popular Vacation Care Service which runs from Leonay Public School.

These are very popular and almost full so if you need a space for your child please see us as soon as possible.



Autumn's Here!

Calendar Dates

11 April	End of Term for school NSW.
14-28 April	Vacation Care for school aged children.
25 April	ANZAC Day. Public holiday, Centre closed.
9 June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday. Centre closed.



Timely reminders for coming events at the Centre

Vacation Care:

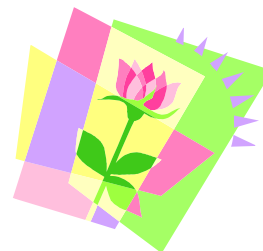
Next session starts on Monday 14th April 2008 to Monday 28th April 2008.

less the public holiday on Friday 25th April January.

Bookings must be made before starting at the session.

Public Holidays:

ANZAC Day, Friday 25th April 2008.



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